

REMARKS

At page 2 of the specification, the German word “gleichbleibende” was originally translated as “consistent”. After further thought, Applicants believe that a more appropriate translation of this German word is “unchanging”.

With respect to the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection, claims 1-20 have been amended to recite that the data processing device controls a printing with a printer of the document. Thus the method involves generating a printed document starting with the resource print data and the variable print data. The generation unit generates the document template and the resource administration unit registers the document template and sends the resource datasets in a document template to the data processing device. The generation unit, the resource administration unit, and the data processing device are all one or more specific computers. A printer is also recited. Thus many apparatuses have been recited in the method and thus the claim falls within the “particular machine or apparatus” requirement of 35 U.S.C. §101.

Alternatively, the claim also transforms underlying subject matter to a different state or thing. Generated resource template data and variable print data are transformed to an actual printing by the recited printer. Thus this is also an alternate satisfaction of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101 for transformation of underlying subject matter to a different state or thing.

If the Examiner believes that any other language is necessary to conform with Section 101 then Applicants suggest a telephone interview in which the Examiner could suggest such additional language for claim 1.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-14, 16-18, and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Kloosterman.

Claim 1 as amended clearly distinguishes over Kloosterman for the following reasons, and particularly addressing the response to arguments of the Examiner at page 2 of the final Office Action.

Claim 1 distinguishes by reciting generating the document template which is a general layout of the document using static resource data which comprises unchanging elements of the document for the document template, providing a resource administration unit which generates a resource list for the resource datasets used by the document template, and then that resource administration unit uses that resource list to transfer the individual resource datasets to the data processing device which controls the printing and also sends the document template to the data processing device, the data processing device and the resource datasets being stored at the data processing device. Thereafter, claim 1 further recites that the data processing device controls a printing of the document with a printer for the print job by using the locally stored template and resource datasets, and wherein said data processing device supplements with variable data, the variable data being data which changes from document to document within the print job or with static resource data remains the same from document to document within the print job.

For all of these features, the Examiner relies in Kloosterman on the disclosures at page 4 and paragraphs 34-39 and the job ticket and printer discussed at paragraph 94.

More particularly, the Examiner indicates that the content objects 18 data base coupled with the job ticket anticipates Applicants recited resource administration unit because the content objects 18 generates a resource list to control transfer to the next station 4 with job ticket directions describing how to print. The Examiner cites paragraph 39 for supplementation with variable data.

The above citations from Kloosterman, however, cannot anticipate the claim language of claim 1 for the following reasons. The content objects 18 does not contain static resource data which remains the same from document to document within the print job as recited in claim 1. Rather it teaches the opposite. Content objects 18 has the variable data such as Lexis, Ford or Hugo pdfs. Depending upon the income of the recipient, for a document going to that particular recipient, the Kloosterman system uses the variable data Lexis, Ford, or Hugo for the document. Thus these content objects from the content objects 18 change from document to document depending on the recipient. But this is exactly the opposite of claim 1 which requires that the static resource data comprises unchanging elements of the document comprised of static resource data which remains the same from document to document.

Furthermore, the Examiner relies on the job ticket definitions in his assertion that the content objects 18 has a list which sends the resource datasets to the data processing device. But the job tickets as described at paragraph 94 merely identifies which media to use, how to impose sheets, identifying a feed sheet is one sided or two sided, or the type of finish. This has absolutely nothing to do with the resource list used by the resource administration unit to send the resource datasets to the data processing device.

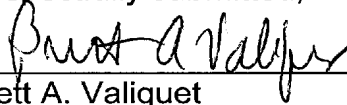
Dependent claims 2-19 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 1 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

System claim 21 distinguishes at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 1. Dependent claim 22 is allowable at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 21 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

Respectfully submitted,

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